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1. Two new English language newspapers are currently being planned in Bangkok. It is expected that they may be publishing before the end of 1948.
 2. One is to be called the Siam Times and is backed by pro-Pridi men. One of the principal backers is Luang Thamrong Nawasawat, acting through his secretary, Nai Sawai Sutthiphitak. He is reported to have put up 200,000 baht [redacted]. The sponsors of the projected paper are buying much of the property of the old Bangkok Times, but were not sold the title. One of the main purposes of the paper will be to defend Pridi in connection with the case of the King's death. It is planned that Nai Erde (full name not given), the Singhalese assistant editor of Liberty, will be the editor [redacted] 25X1X
 3. The second English language newspaper is being planned by M.R. Kukrit Pramoj as a rival publication. He is being backed financially by Phra Phinit Chongadi, brother-in-law of M.R. Seni Pramoj. He is also being backed by the Veterans' Organization [redacted] 25X1X

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